

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Mark Scott

Application No.: 10/663,115
Confirmation No.: 1821
Filed On: September 16, 2003

Examiner: Jules

Art Unit: 3617

**For: Cushioning Device Having
an Electrically Actuated Lockout**

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on June 24, 2006. This Response is filed within the shortened statutory period.

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No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

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<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						x \$180=	\$0	x \$360=
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE								\$0


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Respectfully submitted,

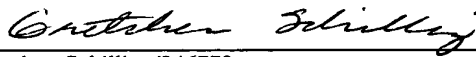
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REPLY TO OFFICIAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 24, 2006

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2006. This Response is being filed within the three-month period of time to respond to the Final Office Action. In view of the present Response, the Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Jules for taking the time to discuss the Application with Peter M. Klobuchar on March 13, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

This Response is being submitted three months after the shortened statutory period of time for responding to the Office Action.